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CIA And Socialism

Barry Goldwater said that the CIA has been financing left wing causes in this country. He would be happier if it had spread the money around a bit and financed some right wing organizations. At the same time, liberal Senator Clark stated that it was just terrible of the CIA to finance the left wing groups which it seems were subverted by the act. The squawks coming from some of the groups subsidized do indeed support Senator Clark. It seems that some of them feel that they were betrayed into being of service to their country.

Both Senator Clark and Mr. Goldwater seem to have missed the point. There is nothing subversive about the CIA and no American need feel ashamed of having served it. If the CIA did favor socialist organizations in this country it certainly opposed them abroad. It was in some cases extremely successful.

The case of Communist Cheddi Jagan in British Guiana is an example. After Cuba it was essential to our safety that no more Communist bases be allowed on this hemisphere. Jagan was near to taking over the colony and Britain was ready to throw the whole problem away. The CIA used an AFL-CIO union as a base for operations. Jagan couldn't keep control of the country. He lost an election and a government friendly to the free world took over and has remained in power. This was done without the loss of a single American life. What could have been another Dominican Republic affair was settled by the CIA quietly and efficiently.

The problem now is how to get the CIA operating again. No secret agency can operate under the glare of publicity, which the CIA has suffered. Every organization which has aided the CIA in defense of the country will automatically have to stop its cooperation. It will be a long time before the

agency will again reach its former efficiency. In the meantime, it is absurd to state that the CIA has "subverted" any American agency. It is Communism that is the enemy not an American agency, which despite some blunders, has served the country well.

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